

Media & Social Media Summary - 20th - 26th August 2016

25.08.16: ITV News – ‘Have your hospital services been suspended?’

An article on hospitals in England being forced to suspend acute services due to staff shortages features Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.

Sixteen hospital trusts told ITV News they had to close or suspend such services in the last year - with one saying they had to close their maternity unit 11 times. Stockport NHS Foundation Trust is listed among the 16 and had two four-hour sessions of ear, nose and throat outpatients clinics suspended.

[ITV News](#)

25.08.16: Manchester Weekly News – ‘Veteran support’

A charity working with voluntary services at Stepping Hill Hospital is helping provide extra support for armed forces veteran patients.

The Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS) provides additional help for veterans over 65 and their families both in outpatients and on the ward. Their work includes bedside visits, emotional and practical support, and helping to ensure the veterans have access to the services they need once they leave hospital.

23-24.08.16: BBC News, Manchester Evening News, Stockport Express – ‘Mum from Stockport whose daughter was saved by a blood transfusion encourages others to donate’

The mother of a young girl with cancer who has had her life saved by transfusions is encouraging more people to give blood. Andrea Paton, who works as a physiotherapist at Stepping Hill Hospital, has a four year old daughter who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia last year. Andrea is now backing the Missing Type campaign by NHS Blood and Transport urging more people to donate.

[BBC News](#)

[Manchester Evening News](#)

20.08.16: Mirror – ‘Miracle twins are tiniest born in the UK to survive but little Rylea and Robyn are just perfect’

Twins, Rylea and Robyn Comer, have beaten overwhelming odds after being born at only 23 weeks and three days.

At one point doctors gave them just a ten per cent chance of survival. Yet miraculously the pair are in perfect health, now aged 9 months.

The girls who had also been treated at Stepping Hill Hospital, after being born in Bolton, had turned a corner and on April 18 they were well enough to go home from Stepping Hill.

[Mirror](#)

25.08.16: Manchester Weekly News – ‘Woolly thinking’

Stepping Hill Hospital’s maternity and neonatal units received a generous woollen donation, including clothes and toys, thanks to the efforts of local knitters, the Dutton knit & natter group.

24.08.16: Stockport Express – ‘Parking hike as NHS trust loses £75 a minute’

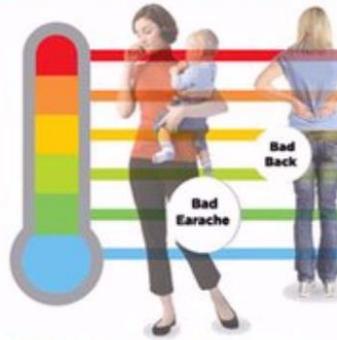
Further coverage on the increase in car parking prices at Stepping Hill Hospital.



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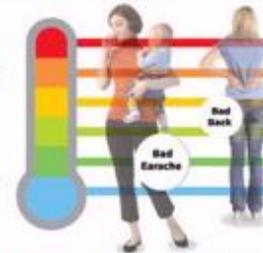
Our physiotherapist is supporting [#Missingtype](https://twitter.com/missingtype) on behalf of her daughter who has leukaemia
<http://tinyurl.com/je4vyy5>

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